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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to the HoLEP (Holmium Laser Enucleation of the Prostate) procedure.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.

- 1. The number of patients that are currently on the waiting list for this operation at this hospital?*
- 2. What is the average waiting time for the operation from referral to the actual date of the operation.*
- 3. Do the hospitals arrange for NHS patients to undergo this operation at a private hospitals?*

Trust response:

- Please note: This question has been answered using the finalised 31st March 2024 Referral to Treatment (RTT) monthly submission and also the finalised 30th April 2024 RTT monthly submission.
The number of patients waiting for a HOLEP procedure (OPCS code M654) as at 31st March 2024 was 184.
The number of patients waiting for a HOLEP procedure (OPCS code M654) as at 30th April 2024 was 177.
- Please note: We can provide the average waiting time as recorded by the RTT clock at month end and the average waiting time from the day the patient was added to the inpatient waiting list until month end. Note that this is slightly different from the requested wait from referral until the actual operation treatment date but it is the most accurate data available.
The average RTT clock wait as at 31st March 2024 for patients waiting for a HOLEP procedure was 140 days.
The average RTT clock wait as at 30th April 2024 for patients waiting for a HOLEP procedure was 132 days.

The average wait from when the patient was added to the inpatient waiting list for a HOLEP procedure until 31st March 2024 was 115 days.

The average wait from when the patient was added to the inpatient waiting list for a HOLEP procedure until 30th April 2024 was 108 days.

3. No, this procedure is available at Maidstone hospital only.